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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: KUWAIT TO STUDY UNGA HUMAN  
CLONING VOTE

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Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) The Ambassador delivered reftel points to MFA U/S Ambassador Khaled al-Jarallah during their November 2 meeting. He noted that Saudi Arabia had already agreed to support the U.S. position in favor of the Costa Rican resolution. The U/S said he would discuss the USG request with relevant GOK officials, adding that Kuwait would make every effort to side with the U.S. on the vote.

2. (C) The Ambassador's demarche reinforced the message delivered November 1 by PolChief to Ambassador Abdullah Al-Murad, Director of the MFA Department of International Organizations. Al-Murad reported he had been approached by the Belgians and expressed deep interest in the positions of other Gulf states. He said the final decision rested with Foreign Minister Dr. Mohammed Al Sabah.

3. (C) Comment: The Ambassador's comment that Saudi Arabia had agreed to support the resolution piqued Jarallah's interest, and led him to inquire about the positions of other GCC states. Should other GCC states commit to supporting the Costa Rican resolution, we suggest that sharing this information with the GOK may influence their decision.  
LeBaron